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6/24/2020 20:58	Jody Osteyee	<p>Dear elected officials and city council members. Please do not cave to the loudest voices in the room. Do not apologize for funding a police department that upholds the law, is built on honest and ethical principles, and protects the rights given to citizens in this country by the constitution. Please do not be swayed by the current popular and political cries to defund the police. Certainly, ensure the department is ethical and fair in all it's dealings, protects and advocates for the lives of police, and has innovative policing methods that are relevant for todays public safety needs. I am expecting you to be fl'm and strong for me, for my family, and for the brave public servants who protect us from anarchy. Do not disappoint this small voice in the back of the room. Hear me too, please. Thank you. Jody Osteyee, DNP, APRN, CPNP</p>
6/24/2020 15:12	Ashley Kraft	<p>I am a constituent of yours as a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that the city council do the work of researching and educating themselves on the war on drugs in Portugal and push to defund the war on drugs and leave nonviolent drug users to the mental health/ addiction specialists. This would free up police for violent offenders and restructure our society to have the result of Portugal, which resulted in reduced drug use. By doing this it would reduce unnecessary police interaction with Black and Brown communities and reverse other problems the drug war created such as mass incarceration and unfair policing of black and brown communities. I demand those funds whether from the war on drugs, or for police to enforce it be reallocated into the community for mental health, drug addiction experts and rehabilitation, and child protection services. Thank you so much for your time.</p>

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6/24/2020 13:43	Emily Chao	Please act now to confront and strategically disassemble modern systemic white supremacy and anti-black racism and their lingering historic effects. Please criminalize anti-black racism. Please process all police corruption, brutality, and racism cases without bail. Please get a reparations for Black slavery Act passed. Please add blatant historic and systemic modern anti-black racism, white supremacy, and privilege into public school k-12 curriculum. Please include in historic education the Black massacres and Black lynching stories with the alleged accusations that sparked them. Please include the long term psychological and social impacts and their connection to internal bias. Please.

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6/24/2020 13:37	Erno Ovari	<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>

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6/24/2020 12:05	Shane Graham	<p>Dear Council'man Mano: While the SLC Council was debating budget cuts to SLCPD, the police seemed to be respecting protesters' First Amendment rights to assembly and speech by keeping their distance. Then the council folded and gave the police everything they wanted. A few days later, the police are once again swaggering through the streets like bullies and thugs looking to start a fight: Tensions escalate after police officers arrive on scene of ?Justice for Bernardo? protest in Salt Lake City &lt;<a href="https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/23/police-officers-arrive/">https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/23/police-officers-arrive/</a>&gt; &lt;<a href="https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/23/police-officers-arrive/">https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/23/police-officers-arrive/</a>&gt; Tensions escalate after police officers arrive on scene of ?Justice for ... A group of several dozen protesters stood shoulder-to-shoulder in Washington Square Park on Tuesday evening, the... Clearly the police feel emboldened by the weakness of the city's leadership. Now that you've given away your best leverage for holding police accountable, how do you plan to rein in a police force that is clearly still out of control? Your angry constituent, --Shane Graham</p>

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6/24/2020 12:01	Lucy Le Bohec	<p>Hello, My name is Lucy Le Bohec, and I'm writing again with regards to the 2020-21 fiscal budget, specifically about the SLCPD budget changes. I appreciate the city council's willingness to discuss these matters and hear the public's requests. However, the changes that were ultimately made to the budget are insufficient. And it seems that despite giving constituents a platform to express ourselves, the city council did not listen to calls to defund the police. I do not understand the train of thought that led the council from a clear statement from SLC residents on what we need to feel safe (a reduced police presence complimented by alternative community/safety resources), to moving around a small amount of money which is ultimately going directly back into the police department. Funding social workers that are housed in the police department forces people who may wish to access their services to interact with police; this is simply an unsafe option for some and should not be a prerequisite for accessing support from social workers.</p> <p>Furthermore, the decision to create a City Commission on Racial Equity and Policing is a fine step if, and only if, this commission centers the voices and needs of the communities that have been most impacted by police misconduct of all kinds. This commission must show Salt Lake City residents that they are working with members and leaders from these communities, not excluding them or considering their voices secondary to the commission and SLC government. Thank you for your time and consideration, Lucy Le Bohec</p>

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6/24/2020 12:00	Lisa Thomson	<p>Dear Council Member Dugan, I am writing in response to both the email you sent about recent reductions in the police budget and the email the council as a whole sent. I am so disappointed in these efforts and the self-congratulatory emails that have announced them. I voted for you to represent my district because you convinced me that there was a need on the council for experience, knowledge, and wisdom. You told me this was not your retirement plan, but that you felt compelled to run for a seat on the council to bring a lifetime of industry and life experience where it was sorely lacking. That resonated with me and I entrusted you with my vote. How disappointing that at the first major issue to face the council since your election, you joined in the knee-jerk, millennial response to the angry mob and stripped our police of \$5.3 million, put a hiring freeze in place, and withheld money for additional training. How are any of these measures going to improve our police force? How will any of these measures ensure that what happened to George Floyd does not happen in Salt Lake City? How do any of the measures address any of the real or perceived issues facing our citizens of color? This was not a studied, well-thought-out decision by the council. Just three weeks ago the council was not considering reducing the police budget and creating a hiring freeze and training freeze. Just three weeks ago none of these changes were intended to be made. But with the fervor that has hit our nation ("passion and energy" you called it in your email), our city council has set aside all reason and responsibility and made a rash decision at the demand of angry people. <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	Lisa Thomson	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> Most disappointing is that I voted for you to be the adult in the room, and clearly you were swept up in the fervor also, and feel proud of it. We all can agree that lasting changes and improvements can be and must be made. But this is not the way. What are the best practices of other cities who have addressed this issue? Las Vegas made dramatic changes in the past 10 years to improve police and racial issues. What did they do? What worked well? What could be improved upon? I hoped for a measured, thoughtful, and studied approach from Salt Lake City. Now I know that if I bring an angry mob downtown and start chanting slogans that I know nothing about, I can get my way and everyone will pat themselves on the backs for giving in to my toddler demands. I am so disappointed. I wish the council had used better judgement and wisdom in their decision-making, and I voted for you because I bell'ved you would lead such efforts. There can be no real change in our policing, our communities, and our country if the only way forward is to shout down all other voices and perspectives. And it's alarming when we feel proud of ourselves for doing so. I hope you and the council do better in the future. Sincerely, Lisa Thomson</p>

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6/24/2020 11:58	Li'm Perri	<p>Hello, My name is Li'm Perri-Reichert, and I am a constituent of yours. I would first like to say that I recognize your recent decision to reallocate funds from the police department is not nothing: It is better than having done nothing at all. How little is required to be just 'better,' however. Ultimately, your agreed upon budget is not what we wanted. We want immediate change. I know that this is something of a fever dream in current American politics, but we want it none the less?and this is, for the moment, a democracy. There is no limit on what the voice of the people may ask for, should enough ask for it. So, you did not do what we wanted. I trust that you understand that all of your positions, should you continue to act as you have, are at risk in the upcoming election. All it would take is for one candidate to run on any kind of policereform/accountability platform to oust you from your seat. There is still time before your term is up, however, so you may yet retain your position. First, you have to do more to rein in police power. Police do not need qualified immunity to do their job; they do not need unqualified permission for use of force to do their job; they do not need more guns, more tasers, more cars, or more tanks. We all know this very well: no one, including yourself, can both be informed on the issue and honestly think that giving the police more money will yield a more just society. At the moment, the budget cut very much appears to be an empty gesture aimed at deflating passion for change. Whether or not you meant it is irrelevant?you certainly benefit from this effect. Second, please stop inviting Police Chief Mike Brown to any and all city council meetings, town hall meetings, or any event which is designed to influence policy. <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	LI'm Perri	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> His voice in this does not matter: He is there to serve his and his group's interest, not the public's. To take his advise or testimony on any subject is to maintain the current system where police are accountable to only themselves: we demand that they not be accountable to only themselves, because when that happens, injustice festers. There is no other outcome. He is the one on trial, he does not get to decide what is done with him. Third, I usually do not like insurance companies, but there is a simple fix for the police brutality and accountability issue. Make police carry their own liability insurance like contractors, painters, plumbers, etc. The insurance companies will do better mental health and bias screenings. If an officer has too many complaints he will become uninsurable and therefore unemployable. If they actually had something to lose, maybe they would learn to control themselves. Also, settlements for police misconduct should come out of the police pension fund. If there are good cops, maybe they would hold others accountable if their money was at stake. The solutions are here and have been around for ages, we have told them to you, they will work, or at least be much, much, much better than what we have. If you continue to ignore these solutions, we must infer from that behavior that you just don't care. Thank you for your time, LI'm Perri-Reichert</p>

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	Laurie Stewart	<p>To our city leaders: As serious events have unfolded, there has been an emotional call to defund police. I bell've there is need for honestreform to protect all of our citizens more effectively. I feel it is vital that our leadership DEFEND law enforcement and our other first responders. They have become a political punching bag due to the actions of others. Only a few weeks ago, they were touted members of our society and deemed essential to our well-being. What changed? The fickle winds of politics changed. As a community, we need leaders who stand on principle during challenging times. We need law and order. We need well trained, decently paid police who are valued for their sacrifice. We definitely don't need to put ourselves in the position of having less of them. If there are less of them, there is more burnout and more mental and physical fatigue for the rest. That would do us no good. I don't want our city to become a social experiment that suffers the consequences of knee jerk reaction politics. Stand up for necessaryreform, but show that Salt Lake City has thoughtful, responsible leadership that works for strengthening, not defunding the police. Sincerely, Laurie Stewart Concerned Citizen</p>

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6/24/2020 11:57	Samuel Johnston	<p>Hi Chris, It's great to see you and your friendly, capable face chairing the SLC Council. It's funny to think how long ago it was that we were reading Eldrige Cleaver's Soul on Ice and James Baldwin's Giovanni's Room in Dr. Cottler's class in 2005. Here we find ourselves in a moment where those texts and Dr. Cottler's stories about protests in the 1960s to be chillingly relevant. I never thought that I would see in my life in this country and in this city the acts of violence that were committed by Salt Lake City police officers against peaceful protesters this week. On top of that, I for the first time in my life saw the full power of the police state brought down upon my city. Looking out my normally peaceful window and hearing military helicopters and seeing the military and the police use surveillance technologies against me and my loved ones brought this issue home to my doorstep. Like many of us, I naively bell'ved that acts of police brutality against minorities caught on fl'm were, while horrifying, the result of the racist beliefs of a small percentage of police officers nationwide. But this week's actions by the SLCPD demonstrate that the violence is not a result of the individual beliefs of officers, but rather a result of established policy in our police department and others nationwide. The use of tear gas, rubber bullets, and even pushing and shoving are clearly dictated to officers by department leadership as acceptable and even encouraged actions. I heard countless anecdotes of friends and family this week who participated in the protests and witnessed and were themselves subject to brutal police violence by the SLCPD. This horror is amplified by the SLCPD murder of Bernardo Palacios via over twenty shots in his back <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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6/24/2020 11:55	Samuel Johnston	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> No American citizen should be subject to such violence, regardless of a crime they may or may not have committed. It is clear that our police system is broken, and that the problem is deeply embedded in the culture of the department. That is why I am asking you to refuse to renew the MOU between SLC and the SLCPA when the council considers its renewal this month. Rather, the council should allow the MOU to expire and lockout the SLCPA from our public safety facilities until they agree to a new MOU that provides comprehensive cultural changes and protections against police brutality. Those protections should include banning choke holds, banning tear gas and rubber bullets, requiring de-escalation before using force, and requiring comprehensive, publicly-accessible documentation of every single time force is used by the SLCPD. I trust that you will take these comments to heart and do the right thing for the citizens of our city. Salt Lake City is a special place and is uniquely capable of leading out on this issue. Thank you for listening! I hope to run into you again in SLC soon. Best, Sam Sam Johnston</p>
	Karina Ellsworth	<p>You want a repeat here? Are you out of your mind?  <a href="https://twitter.com/RealJamesWoods/status/1275218781845905408">https://twitter.com/RealJamesWoods/status/1275218781845905408</a>                      How about this one?  <a href="https://twitter.com/JFNYC1/status/1274902599876165632">https://twitter.com/JFNYC1/status/1274902599876165632</a></p>

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6/24/2020 9:48	Joshua Petersen	<p>Hello Council Member Valdemoros, My name is Josh Petersen and I live in your district. I am writing to encourage you to defund the Salt Lake Police Department. I, like many in our city, am extremely concerned with the police department's record of violence, militarization, and poor relationship with black residents and other people of color in our city. I am disappointed that the city plans on increasing the police budget, I've investing tens of millions of dollars in a police force that in many ways harms our community. I understand that taking steps to defund and abolish the police is a difficult and unprecedented decision. However, I bell've that Salt Lake City can be a leader in rethinking public safety and imagining a city that I've invests in the kind of social services that police are not equipped to handle. The status quo is unacceptable and I hope you listen to me and the many other residents of Salt Lake who stand against police violence and systemic raci'm. Thank you, Josh Petersen</p>

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6/24/2020 9:45	Jamie Reeves	Greetings, What steps have you taken today towards defunding the police and reallocating money into community services? If you have not taken any steps, when do you plan to take steps to defund the police and reallocate money into community services? The safest communities do not have the most police, but the most resources. Signed, Jamie Reeves

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6/24/2020 9:43	Grace Lee	<p>Hello, my name is Grace Lee and I am a resident of District 1. 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 will continue to fight for the city we envision. It's never too late to change. 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, Grace Lee</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/24/2020 9:42	Frances Dingivan	<p>Hello Mr. Dugan, I saw that the city council cut the SLCPD budget by roughly \$5 million, but \$2.8 million is in a holding account that is still accessible to the SLCPD through council approval. \$2.5 million of the "cuts" goes to social workers within the police department. Instead, 1) Cut the SLCPD's budget by \$30 million. Use this money to rel'vest in schools. Utah ranks among the states that spend the least amount of money per student in the country! 2) Instead of using \$780,000 to purchase more police equ'ment, I'vest that money into programs that support our homeless community members. 3) No more spending on de-escalation training. This doesn't work. It didn't save Bernardo Palacios. 4) No new hires in the police department for the 2020-2021 year. We don't need more police. We need more teachers and mental health counselors. I voted for you because I bell'ved you would put the well-being of our community above all else. Now is your chance to follow through. Sincerely, Frances Dingivan -- Wellesley College '20 Environmental Studies   Spanish</p>