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| 6/25/2020 9:38 | Kelsey Oliver | <p>Dear Utahn Representatives, 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 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 Latino 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,</p> <p>Kelsey Oliver</p> |

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| 6/25/2020 9:39 | 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. 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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| 6/25/2020 9:40 | Ricky Hoang | <p>My name is Ricky and I demand justice for Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal and all peoples murdered and harmed by SLCPD. In memory or Bernardo I am demanding that you: Release all four full high quality unedited videoes from police body cams from when the call was received by dispatch to when Bernardo's body was removed from the scene. In memory of Bernardo I am demanding that you: Release all three full quality unedited videos from the storage facility security cams as well as the traffic cameras from the surrounding area. In memory of Bernardo I am demanding that you: Release the names and pictures of every officer involved in Bernardo's murder. Including their backgrounds, records, any notices of misconduct, and all the air traffic between police on the night of his murder. In memory of Bernardo I am demanding that you: FIRE all officers involved in Bernardo's murder and charge them immediately with murder and desecration of a human body. In memory of Bernardo I am demanding that you: Release a full uncensored autopsy report immediately to his family and the public. How is it possible that all of Bernardo's finger were shot when he was shot in the back? In memory of Bernardo I am demanding that you: reopen all SLCPD cases involving police killings, particularly of those individuals shot in the back by your officers. In memory of Bernardo I am demanding that you: immediately defund the SLCPD and increase funding to communities disproportionately targeted and assaulted by your police force. I demand change.</p> |

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| 6/25/2020 9:56 | Grey Gundersen | <p>Dear council members, Defunding our police is putting the citizens of Salt lake in Danger! The purpose of government is to protect those in our society who can not defend themselves. Food for thought. Utah residents are heavily armed but are not trained to protect and serve. If you take away the police and their ability to effectively serve our community it is going to be up to the citizens to defend and protect themselves. Do you think we will likely have more or less fatal shootings in this scenario? Please do not follow like sheep the idiocy we are seeing in other cities in our country right now. Take a stand. Be strong. Be intelligent. If you choose to defund our police the citizenry of this community will Remove you from office and replace you with critical thinkers. Do not defend our police. Sincerely Grey Gundersen</p> |
| 6/25/2020 9:58 | Jamie Reeves | <p>Officials, It is essential that you take budget money away from the police and reallocate that money into community services that in turn, will reduce crime, as everyone's needs will be cared for. Defund the police. Reallocate the funds into community services. Our police our grossly overfunded. Sincerely, Jamie Reeves</p> |

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| 6/25/2020 9:59 | Jovian Batchelor | <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, Jovian Batchelor Sent from my iPhone</p> |

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| 6/25/2020 10:03 | Daniel Houpt | <p>Hi Chris, I'm Tim Houpt's son and we have met a few times, including at his house in the avenues. I just wanted to express my appreciation for your leadership on the council during the recent budget discussions. I know the council has been under immense pressure to slash the budget of the police. I am adamant that we can do better to reduce police violence and push for racial justice, and I hear and trust that the council supports the intent and drive behind calls to reform the SLCPD. At the same time, I recognize you are in the difficult position of having to translate these calls into practical financial and budgeting items that cannot be rushed in a matter of weeks. It appears to me sometimes as though you all have been unfairly cast as antithetical to this movement, without proper consideration for the logistical, procedural, and legal hurdles that must be bridged as part of true reform. I just wanted to add my voice to those that understand these considerations and that appreciate your work leading the policy work that will ensure progress is permanent. Best, Danny Houpt</p> |

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| 6/25/2020 10:04 | Ashby Guerrero | <p>I am a resident of Orem, Utah. 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.</p> <p>Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ashby Guerrero</p> |

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| 6/25/2020 10:07 | David B. Wirthlin | <p>Hi Dan, The messages from Dennis and David are like emails we might have sent during budget discussions in years past. But this year, the national and international events have spotlighted the shortfalls and dangers with the current policing system, and we've had the chance to listen to our neighbors who have been asking for big changes to policing. Dennis and David are telling you about the position of the EBCC before the world-wide outrage about the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks, or Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. I have listened closely to two of the City Council's meetings where our neighbors were explaining how important it is to change policing in our city. There is a lot to learn by listening to those who are harmed by the current model of policing. I believe, and I hope, that many of our neighbors have also invested time and effort into learning about anti-racism, and their position on policing and the police budget has changed since all we wanted was more police officers. I just want you to understand that Dennis and David and I are all speaking for ourselves as we each see the current situation. We haven't polled or voted or discussed the policing budget in this annual budgeting cycle. Not between the officers and not with the members. The only common position that I hear in our community is that we appreciate the work, attention, and professionalism shown by Detective Meinzer to us. Although I wonder if you would agree with Dennis's characterization that you made a merely a demonstrative vote to do "something" to respond to the community's outcry, Dan. I believed you and the other City Council members when you told the citizens of SLC that these budget decisions were a first step on the path to make significant changes to address racism and other problems in the police system in our city. I want to encourage the City Council to listen to the voices speaking out about decades of unfair policing. *Continued 1/4*</p> |

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| | David B. Wirthlin | <p>Those voices are asking for a better public safety system with more focus on social investment and less on social control. I want the City Council to hear that this isn't an east/west issue. I want you to hear that there are a lot of priorities besides policing, and when budgets are inevitably cut because of the change in economic fortunes of our world, equity and social safety net programs should have a really high priority. Thanks for listening, Dan. I know that your job is difficult, even before the pandemic, or the earthquake, or the world opening its eyes to see the danger and inequity in our police system for our Black and Indigenous neighbors and all the people of color I am in complete agreement with David's comments! That said, I understand the position the City Council was in and that it needed to do something to demonstrate they were listening to the protestor demands, other than just saying they would take their demands under consideration. However, as David noted, the vast majority of those who live in the EBCC area have for years complained about, in their view, the inadequate police presence and monitoring of the area to address the crime in the area, in addition to the past very slow response times or even the non-response to citizen calls. It is a fact that a presence is a deterrent. A couple of years ago I reported a suspicious person, and the police arrived about 3 hours later and asked for description and location, and then called me and reported they were unable to find him!!! Over the years the City has been telling us that changes were on the way which would address our concerns (a change in how patrols are dispatched, bike patrols, more officers, patrols assigned to specific beats)*Continued 2/4*</p> |

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| | David B. Wirthlin | <p>*Continued 4/4* Of course there were also the City's comment that our area had one of the lowest crime rates in the City, implying that we should be happy with the service, regardless of how much crime was occurring in our area. One of the major problems, is that even if those committing the crimes are caught, they are just about immediately let loose to continue their ways the next day! In my opinion, this problem was one of the major factors which resulted in your election. We hope that you will be able to address this problem and would be more than willing to visit with you about the history of what has occurred and not occurred, and how we can assist you in achieving our objective. I'm vice chair of the EBCC and I am very concerned to have our police department's budget cut by 5 million plus dollars to reallocate some 2.5 million to social work and another 2.5 million to be held in reserve for other options. Our area has been short of basic police coverage for years and efforts by the City Counsel last year were made to hire additional police officers to meet the needs city wide including our area. Last year we were told that the Police Department was trying to hire 50 additional officers but applicants were not as forthcoming as hoped and careful training of new police officers takes up to a year. Now the Council has put a hiring freeze on the police department. How does this action solve the existing shortage of officers? How will social workers fill the gap for needed enforcement and coverage? I would hope to see the 5 million dollars originally budgeted for the Police Department spent to upgrade our police force. More competitive salaries and education requirements for them would go a long way to solve the problems of enforcement. Emotional reactions need to be tempered and decisions made that will strengthen this important segment of our society. Best Wishes, David B. Wirthlin</p> |

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| 6/25/2020 14:02 | Bob Busico | <p>Stratford St. Hello, Can you tell how long Stratford St. will be blocked off for local traffic only? I often see more walkers, joggers and bikers on my nearby street only to walk to Stratford and see that the street is nearly empty. Seems as a total fail other than reducing traffic amount on Stratford. I look forward to hearing from you.</p> |

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| 6/26/2020 11:34 | Ann Rose Berglind | <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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| 6/26/2020 11:37 | Asaeli Junior Matelau | <p>I am a software engineer who grew up in West Valley City and attended the University of Utah. I am reaching out to you to demand that you do more for Bernardo Palacios and the people of Salt Lake City. We want the release of all 5 body cams of the officers unedited and complete. We need these officers to be fired and charged for murder. We also need the civilian review board to be properly equipped to provide oversight, which includes the ability to hold these officers accountable. Those on the civilian review board should also be impartial. I have been a victim of police brutality in Salt Lake City when an officer ordered my partner a ~100lb Latina to sit and after complying with the order he picked her up and threw her into the street. I jumped from my sitting position in shock, where I was met with mace and a beating. These officers then charged me with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Luckily, I struck a deal with the judge to do a plea in obeyance so those charges were later removed, but I am one of the lucky ones. I could have had serious charges holding me back to this day, removing my ability to contribute to Utah's growing tech scene, due to those officers' gross misconduct. I was lucky that I had a great support system at the University of Utah and lucky that I had witnesses that attended court with me to testify about this gross misconduct. I was lucky that I still have my life. This isn't my only encounter with the police where they escalated a situation to a point where they could become physical and arrest individuals. This shouldn't happen. I believe enabling police by failing to provide accountability accumulates over time resulting in this gross disregard for life by our officers. *Continued 1/2*</p> |

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| | Asaeli Junior Matelau | <p>*Continued 2/2* Bernard Palacios was a young man at the age of 22 and no one should be able to rob him from having a future. I don't understand how we have so many cases of young men being shot in their backs in this city, but inaction by your office is negligence. I watched the footage and was torn apart by what unfolded. I did not see a clear danger to the officers. I did see a young man executed. Further, there are reports of him missing his fingers, but they were present in the video after he was shot. What happened? You owe it to Bernardo's family to do more, You owe it to the people of Salt Lake City to do more. You owe it to the police force to do more, accountability will only make their positions more respected.</p> |

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| 6/26/2020 11:46 | Crystal Kim | <p>I want to express my support for the efforts of the Salt Lake City Council, through the recent budget actions, to address the concerns of Black people and other people of color regarding policing. I agree that reforms need to occur in how police are trained in use of physical force, de-escalation, and race bias. I also add my voice to others who are calling for a more significant reduction in the police budget and even a re-imagining of how the police department is structured. I understand and appreciate the need for police officers in our community to help ensure public safety. They are often called upon to put their lives on the line to deal with dangerous situations. However, there is so much baked-in racism in so many American institutions, including law enforcement, that I believe it will take much more than simply banning chokeholds and offering more police training to deal with the police brutality that we as a country and state have witnessed, and that people of color bear the brunt of. There are many policies that need to be addressed so that all feel an equal part of our community, and those most affected should be given a voice in addressing these issues. I also support rethinking other aspects of public safety, which include homelessness, access to medical care and mental health services, addiction, conflict mediation, etc. Many issues that are currently being handled by police would be better handled by other trained professionals, and a larger proportion of the budget should go towards these types of public services. I understand that these problems cannot be solved overnight, that this is a long-term effort. I love Salt Lake City and have faith that we will be able to do better for all members of our community.</p> |

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| 6/26/2020 11:49 | Jamie Reeves | I am writing today to advocate for my neighbors and my community in saying: we must fund our community services at a greater rate to benefit and advance our oppressed communities. To find these funds for our oppressed and specifically Black communities, we must defund the police. This money must be taken away from the police because policing as an institution is inherently violent towards Black people and other marginalized groups. I do believe we must develop a model of safety that do not involve police, because police do not promote public safety. Please let me know what you are using your power to do specifically, to make sure our marginalized communities are advanced and cared for. Please let me know specifically, how you are reallocating funds within the city budget to benefit our Black residents. |
| 6/26/2020 11:51 | Jamie Reeves | It is essential that you take budget money away from the police and reallocate that money into community services that in turn, will reduce crime, as everyone's needs will be cared for. Defund the police. Reallocate the funds into community services. Our police our grossly overfunded. |
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| 6/26/2020 15:18 | Maria Aguilar | <p>I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. 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, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone</p> |

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| 6/26/2020 15:21 | Mckenzie McClure | <p>I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device</p> |

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| 6/26/2020 11:43 | Chloe Lehman | <p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT. I am emailing today to demand accountability for the racist murder of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. I was deeply disturbed by the footage released of Bernardo's murder and I am even more deeply disturbed by the lack of action that has currently been taken. I demand that charges be pressed against all officers involved in this heinous killing. I am asking you to use your position to ensure that they are all fired from the SLPD, their pensions are revoked, and they should be charged and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law for murder. Bernardo should be alive today and he would be if it were not for the gross abuse of power exhibited by these officers. Bernardo and his family deserve justice. These men must be held accountable for their actions. All officers involved must face consequences for this murder in order to provide his family with justice and to deter law enforcement from committing similar racist and brutal acts of violence against communities of color. I appreciate your efforts and the efforts of the city council to better aid our community and require body cameras on each officer. However, until officers are held accountable for killing Bernardo, this means very little. These officers must be held accountable. We must be able to trust law enforcement. And the people of color who reside and visit our beloved city, must feel safe to do so. I love this city and I have faith that we can make it better and safer, but more must be done. I demand that we provide more support for community efforts and organizations that work to prevent police brutality and violence. This is the only way we can honor Bernardo's family and ensure that such an act never happens again.</p> |