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6/30/2020 9:22	Anna Nielsen	<p>I have been tirelessly contacting government officials all over the US to call for justice for those killed by police, but fear I have failed to put the same energy into demanding a difference be made in my home state. We have made changes to the way we police already, and there are millions of ways to reform, but what may be most effective is creating a new method of policing altogether. Camden, NJ was a success story for so many when they went from having the highest rate of murder in the country to defunding their police department and relocating those funds to local programs and becoming a much safer place. I am a resident of American Fork. 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. I believe we can and MUST do this to save lives and make the most difference in actually protecting our population, as the police are supposed to. The priorities for funding community programs ought to be for mental health and overcoming addiction. Police are not equipped to face these problems, and across the country many mental health calls for help have resulted in police killings. We cannot let this continue to happen. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Anna Nielsen	<p>*Continued 2/2* 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>
6/30/2020 12:17	Devlon Haase Haase	<p>I am a Utah resident residing in Salt Lake City. Personally, I believe we should INCREASE funding for the Police. Police Officers are heroes who protect our community every minute of every day. Police Officers have one of the toughest jobs. It is ridiculous that our city is even considering to defund the police in any way. I know you are getting more requests to defund the police, however, the majority of residents in SLC don't agree with this. Unfortunately, the majority of people who don't agree with defunding the police are silent on this matter.</p>

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6/30/2020 12:20	Hannah Hallman	This morning I noticed a house getting stolen from and called the police to investigate the situation. I just wanted to voice my opinion that the police here in SLC are excellent and should not have a decrease in funding or be defunded. I am a citizen and would feel endangered if I were not able to call the police when I felt necessary. Anyone who is pro-defunding the police are the same people who commit crimes and who want to see the United States be destroyed. I stand by the police and everything they do and would hate to see anything happen to them.

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6/30/2020 12:26	Pat Annoni	<p>As a person of faith, I believe police violence and brutality against Black men and women must end now, particularly in light of the tragic and senseless recent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. Police violence and systemic racial injustice is tied to America's original sin racism and white supremacy's abhorrent legacy. The time for bold reforms to ensure equal justice under the law extends to everyone is now. As your constituent and a person of faith, I am asking you to do away with policies that lead to the unequal treatment of and violence against ? Black people, Indigenous people, and other people of color, and adopt reforms drawn from evidence-based recommendations in the Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report, Campaign Zero, and more. To begin this change, we call on mayors and local police precincts to: Reinvest city budgets to expand restorative justice programs, provide alternatives to incarceration, demilitarize the police, provide crisis intervention and de-escalation training, and invest funds in education, housing, and mental health services. Require officers to de-escalate situations when possible, establish a use-of-force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force, and report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians. Ban chokeholds and neck restraints in all cases. Require officers to give a verbal warning before shooting and ban shooting at moving vehicles. Require officers to intervene and stop the use of excessive force by other officers. The time is now to finally fix this broken system, locally and nationally.</p>

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6/30/2020 12:29	Taylor Lopaz Lopaz	<p>I am a resident of House District 14 and Senate District 21. 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 the 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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6/30/2020 12:32	Sharon Seiter	<p>The following matters are of great concern to me, and I appreciate the opportunity to have them considered. As a resident of Utah, I have been disturbed by the lawlessness and lack of respect for the rights of the majority of citizens and the demoralizing lack of respect for law enforcement that has been allowed to occur in our capital city. For weeks protests have been permitted on the streets of Salt Lake City. The right of people to peacefully protest is not in contest. But when this is combined with lawlessness in any form or tramples on the rights of the majority, a civilized society cannot stand by without crying out in protest itself. I invite the reader to consider the following questions. Is it lawful for protests to occur within the city without a permit, without approval of the mayor and council, and without paying a fee in advance for the additional police protection that is needed? Is it lawful for protesters to throw trash and objects at police officers, not to mention leaving rubbish throughout the streets for others to come and clean up? Is it lawful for people to ignore the curfew that was put in place for public safety and not be prosecuted or at least fined? Is it the right of protesters to occupy streets night after night for weeks on end and block access to businesses located in the area, thus negatively impacting the business owners Is it protesters right to block the streets and prohibit access to other citizens' *Continued 1/3*</p>

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	Sharon Seiter	<p>*Continued 2/3* use of those streets or ability to feel safe patronizing the area businesses Is it in the taxpayers best interest to allow mobs to vandalize government property and buildings, not allow the police to stop this, and then expect the public to pay for the damages? Is it the right of uncontrolled protesters to destroy private property and expect the owner or an insurance company to pay for the damages? Civil disorder or a breakdown of civilized society occurs when rights are not respected, and laws are not enforced. The law enforcement arm of government has responsibility to ensure the rights of all and see that the laws of society are obeyed. The function of police is to maintain order, protect members of the public and their property, prevent crime, and respond to emergencies. During the recent protests, the demonstrators attacked police authority and the profession. The wrongful killing of a man by a policeman in Minneapolis was cited as the reason and the combination of rioters and demonstrators took on the mantra that police are brutal and racist and that police departments should either be defunded or disbanded. The SLCPD had nothing to do with the incident in the Midwest and certainly did not support the action of the Minnesota officer.</p>

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