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7/14/2020 13:36	Sloane Pl'man	<p>Councilman Wharton, I am writing as a concerned citizen, and my name is Sloane Zupon . In the wake of recent spotlight on police brutality and murders, and the racial injustice that has been woven into the fabric of our nation's identity since its inception, I am writing to urge you to take immediate and radical action, and lead the nation by example in how you choose to move our city's systems, policies, and programs forward to prevent future instances like that of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and closer to home, Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. I acknowledge each area of city leadership for what they have done so far to address these issues, including hosting and scheduling multiple listening sessions with community leaders, and publicly stating your disdain for the current systems, and promise of both long and short-term change to come. I have seen the statements issued from Chief Mike Brown detailing the SLCPD's policies and procedures to mitigate police bias, brutality and violence, and while I am grateful to see what is already in place like the Community Advocates Group, body cams, reporting and human bias training. These policies are encouraging, as is the council's willingness to implement new training for officers, and review the operations of the Police Civilian Review board. No doubt our city is thinking ahead of the curve, and these new policies are simply not enough (as the City Council mentioned in their public statement in early June). We have an opportunity to think bigger, and truly model a reworking of government and society that breaks from our country's *Continued 1/3*</p>

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	Sloane Pl'man	<p>*Continued 2/3* long and storied history of oppression. My hope is that the Mayor, Council, and Police Chief can work together to bring about radical and immediate shift in the way our city cares for its people. I urge you to make aggressive defunding of the police department and reallocation of funds your primary concern in the next year as you build and support new programming and legislature, and especially as you write the budget for the 2022 Fiscal Year. In reading the recently passed budget for 2021, I was thoroughly disappointed to see that while statements from the Council continue to express concern for the broken system of policing, that the budget for police this year has increased by \$2.2 million since last year, and a staggering \$14 million since 2 years ago, with much of that increase being allocated specifically for pensions and merit increases. Even with the proposal of a "zero budget exercise" on the table, these budget actions are enraging, and show that the public lip service from the Council and Mayor's office as well as from Chief Brown is just that - lip service - and not a true commitment to reimagining a city and government without police brutality, and more importantly without systemic racism. I urge you to consider a huge divestment from policing and instead engage in the following programs: Housing :</p>

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7/14/2020 13:34	Tyler Bettilyon	<p>Dear Representative Fowler, As a voter and a constituent, I want to strongly encourage you to introduce and/or support legislation similar to Colorado's recent major overhaul of police oversight</p> <p><https://www.denverpost.com/2020/06/13/colorado-police-accountabilityreform-bill/> . (full law available here: http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2020A/bills/2020a_217_rer.pdf) Many (if not all) of this law's statutes are relevant to policing in Salt Lake City. I know you operate at the city level ? not the state level ? but I still believe it is imperative that the SLC City Council to figure out what is within their power to change, and take active steps to make that change for our residents. Regards, Tyler Bettilyon Salt Lake City, 84016</p>
7/14/2020 13:32	Katherine Kimball	<p>Hello City Council, My name is Katherine, and I'm a resident of SLC. I recently began receiving your newsletter and was excited to read through the council's staff Report for July 7th. I appreciate seeing such an extent of research (a good amount that I hadn't seen!) being taken into consideration and being shared with the public in transparency. I wanted to voice support for three particular the actions listed on the document: ->bans of use of force (from chokeholds to shooting at fleeing subjects) ->money/resources devoted to the creation/funding of crisis teams that can respond to situations in place of police ->justicereform, particularly the idea of requiring a special prosecutor from a different jurisdiction to investigate police killings I would also like to direct the council to Campaign Zero (https://www.joincampaignzero.org/), which research-based list of actions echoes many of the actions listed in the Report. Thank you for your work, -Katherine Kimball</p>
7/14/2020 13:30	Tatiana Christian	<p>The City Council is an utter disgrace. Literally no one asked for any of the things you did.</p>

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7/14/2020 13:27	Neisha Lockwood	<p>Hello council, I'm again writing to discuss the necessary changes to our police department. I feel that you have each chosen to put your personal experiences and opinions above those of your community, and I am frustrated beyond words. You are not in this position to serve yourselves. You were elected to this position to serve as a mouthpiece, a tool of your constituents. Choosing not to listen, or to act in a way that undermines us, is a betrayal of your position. It is a betrayal of the trust we place in you. And most of all, it is a betrayal that will cost lives. Citizens lives, and since that doesn't seem to matter much, it will also kill the police officers you think you're helping. I would hope, but am extremely doubtful, that you have used your time to educate yourself on these issues. The institution of policing was created as a response to "runaway slaves," and expanded significantly in response to civil rights unrest. The racist nature of policing is not an accident, and it is not something that can be changed by oversight committees. As such, I've decided to send you this article. It is stuffed to the brim with resources, both with empirical data showing the urgent need to make drastic changes, as well as several personal accounts of police that demonstrate how pervasive this issue is and how it is impossible to fix from the inside. I beg you to read it, and to do so without defensiveness. It is only if you CHOOSE to listen and truly hear what we are saying that things will change. "Arthur Rizer is a former police officer and 21-year veteran of the US Army, where he served as a military policeman. Today, he heads the criminal justice program at the R Street Institute, a center-right think tank in DC. And he wants you to know that American policing is even more broken than you think." You have an opportunity to lead the country in significant, lasting change.*Continued 1/3*</p>

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	Neisha Lockwood	<p>*Continued 2/3* You have instead chosen to give us a tiny, tiny concession which will not and cannot make the changes we need. Law enforcement is necessary, but not in the way it currently exists. The current system of policing is not only incredibly damaging to the public, especially minority populations or those with mental health issues, but it is also horrifically unjust to the officers who serve in it. They simply do not have the option to not participate in the existing corruption, because loyalty is paramount. They do not have the option to be a "good apple," because the barrel is rotten. "The mission and practice of policing is not aligned with what we know about how to keep people from acting on the kinds of implicit biases and mental shortcuts," he says. "You could design a job where that's not how it works. We have not chosen to do that for policing." Across the United States, we have created a system that makes disproportionate police targeting of Black citizens an inevitability. Officers don't need to be especially racist as compared to the general population for discrimination to recur over and over; it's the nature of the police profession, the beliefs that permeate it, and the situations in which officers find themselves that lead them to act in racist ways."</p> <p>https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2020/7/7/21293259/police-racism-violence-ideology-george-floyd If you find that the effort to challenge your own experiences and interests is too difficult, we will vote you out and find people who do care about us and our safety. Inaction or a consolation prize is completely unacceptable at this point.</p>

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	Neisha Lockwood	<p>*Continued 3/3* We aren't going to stop until we are ALL safe. On Wed, Jun 17, 2020, 10:12 AM Neisha Lockwood <neishalockwood@gmail.com <mailto:neishalockwood@gmail.com> > wrote: 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.</p>

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7/14/2020 13:26	Nick Halberg	<p>Hello, My name is Nick Halberg and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm writing to express a few thoughts regarding the City council's work session today (July 7th, 2020), particularly about the discussion regarding racial equity in policing. In the council's work session, a list of actions other city council's are currently taking was presented by a council's staff member. The list included everything from more conservativereforms, such as heightened implicit bias training, to more progressive ideas like police abolition. During the discussion, a number of comments regarding the efficacy of these various programs was raised. I would like to comment on this point specifically. Black people are more disproportionate killed by police in Utah than anywhere else in the United States (1). As such, it is clear that we as a state, and specifically Salt Lake as a city, have a tremendous amount of work to do to stop the unjust homicide of Black Americans by those sworn to serve and protect all Utahns (our police). Furthermore, numerous studies have shown that incremental policereforms similar to those on the conservative end of the spectrum mentioned above are not effective and often fail (2, 3). As these studies state, police at all levels (from rank-and-file officers, to chiefs, to union leaders) generally opposereforms that could truly change their department (i.e. they oppose reductions in the budget, stricter oversight, the elimination of unfair protections for officers who broke the law, etc.). A perfect example of this is the Minneapolis Police Department, where a number of cutting edge incrementalreforms have been in place for years. Yet, thesereforms did nothing to prevent the murder of George Floyd. A former mayor of Minneapolis even wrote a column explaining why thesereforms are ineffective *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Nick Halberg	<p>*Continued 2/2* (4). Therefore, it is clear to me that the only way to truly create racial equity in policing in Salt Lake is to dramatically restructure our police department. I urge the Council to implement policies on the progressive end of the aforementioned spectrum. An excellent place to start would be to voice your support for the repeal of HB 415: Local Law Enforcement Structure and Governance Amendments (5). This bill prohibits the establishment of any true civilian oversight of police in Utah. Civilian oversight would be one of the best ways to truly create a racially equitable police force. However, since the repeal of HB415 is outside of the council's jurisdiction, a number of other progressivereforms could be taken while the repeal is ?in the works?. I strongly encourage that the Council implement truly progressive police changes that will actually create a more racially equitable society. Small, incrementalreforms will not suffice and, as research shows, are bound to fail. We need big systematic restructuring. Best, Nick Halberg</p> <p>Sources: (1) https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2020/05/mapping-police-killings-black-americans-200531105741757.html (2) Skogan, Wesley G. "Whyreforms fail." Policing & society 18.1 (2008): 23-34. (3) Walker, Samuel. "Institutionalizing police accountabilityreforms: The problem of making policereforms endure." . Louis U. Pub. L. Rev. 32 (2012): 57. (4) https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/i-know-why-policereforms-fail/613189/ (5) https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0415.html</p>

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7/14/2020 12:49	Nora Price	<p>To the Salt Lake City Council, My name is Nora Price and I am a resident of SLC, District 5. I'm writing regarding the proposed ban of SLCPD accepting military equi'ment. I am happy to see the council discuss demilitarizing the police. I do not believe the proposal goes far enough. Equi'ment like riot uniforms, police shields, foam bullets, bean bag rounds, armored personnel carriers and helicopters are tools used by militaries around the world to oppress dissent. The possession of this equi'ment and their use by SLCPD against civilian protestors is an act of state suppression. I believe that this ban should specifically define and ban these tools outright. Furthermore, I would like to see pressure put on the SLCPD to change how they engage with protests and protestors. Vandall'm, destruction of property, disrupting traffic are not violent acts and the response to them should not be physical violence. Breaking someone's nose with a baton is not a commensurate response to the breaking of a window. Painting a street cannot occasion shooting someone with a (harmful, potentially very damaging) foam bullet. The response to property crime should not be physical violence. The response by SLCPD'should be condemned and their rules for engaging with protestors must be changed.</p> <p>Sincerely, your constituent, Nora Price</p>

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7/14/2020 12:49	Natalie Thompson	<p>Your Name: Natalie Thompson Phone Number: reply via email Your Question: Where is your support for police officers who uphold Salt Lake City law's and keep the peace? Mayor Mendenhall and Council Persons Today I watched police footage of the despicable behavior of the Black Lives Matter riot in downtown Salt Lake. I found it incomprehensible that people could treat another human being in such a degrading and hateful way. I asked myself, why would the police just stand there and not do anything to stop those people breaking the law and assaulting them? Isn't this their job, to keep the city a safe place for all who live there? I then read that you had personally asked for any of the rioters to report any bad behavior from the police. Bad behavior from the police? Are you kidding me? I then asked myself, why are you tying the officer's hands and not allowing them to do their jobs? Why are you showing so much mistrust of the very people who keep your city safe? Why are you siding with people who are committing hate and crime? Did you take the time to watch those videos before you automatically assumed that the police may have acted unprofessional? Trust me, after watching that video, they sent the message to those criminals rioting that they can do whatever they want. And the only reason they would have done that is because they're hands have been tied. I just heard on the news that you are now looking for *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Natalie Thompson	<p>*Continued 2/2* a mural to be painted on a government building, paid for by the taxpayers with the saying Black Lives Matter. When will you pay to have a mural painted saying Blue Lives Matter? White Lives Matter? Oriental Lives Matter? Mayor and Council people, with all due respect, every life matters. That is your job, to ensure that every life matters in your city. That entails ensuring that we, as law abiding citizens, can walk down Salt Lake streets without fear of becoming a victim. So far, all that I as a citizen have seen, is you allowing destruction in our streets and tying police hands so they can't do their job effectively to keep us safe. If you continue on this course, you will have a vacant city except for crime and criminals. Just try to govern that. Seattle's Mayor may be able to give you a few tips on the impossibility of that situation. Please step up and support law and order. Sincerely, Natalie Thompson Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone</p>

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7/14/2020 12:47	Mikah Lindquist	<p>Mayor Mendenhall and city council members, I have been bothered by many issues as of late and I need to convey my thoughts to you. 1. Slogans are divisive, we need UNITY Black Lives Matter is a true statement. It is a statement that should be taken seriously and empathetically. It is intended to invite understanding and equality. Unfortunately, this true statement has been turned into an organization's slogan. As the slogan of an organization, Black Lives Matter, it unfortunately creates division. In the current social climate, a slogan like Blue Lives Matter also invites division (even though this statement is also true). In order to create a unified society, we need to stop using these slogans of division and instead focus on teaching love and acceptance for everyone's similarities, differences, perspectives, life experiences, etc. As Salt Lake City's council members and mayor, you should be the example and leaders of unity and love, not division. I applaud your acknowledgement of the societal racism issues of today, but it is a societal issue, not exclusively a police issue. Supporting one group of people over all others will never create unity and is not the place of our elected and appointed government officials. We need to have programs that help families teach their children inclusiveness, love, understanding, acceptance, etc. Generational changes will have the most impact long-term in changing and improving our society. We do not need divisive murals supporting one organization or group of people over another. I implore you to not use taxpayer money to endorse this one very divisive organization while minimizing the importance of others. 2. Police officers are leaving due to lack of support My husband is a Salt Lake City police officer. He is a great man, husband, father, son, brother, police officer and employee. He is an excellent officer and loves making a difference for good in Salt Lake City. As an officer, he swore to serve and protect and enforce the law? *Continued 1/3*</p>

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	Mikah Lindquist	<p>*Continued 2/3* Currently, he and many other officers are contemplating leaving (or already have left) SLCPD and/or law enforcement all together. You may think that they are leaving because of the behavior of uncivil protesters and rioters, but you would be wrong. Police officers, unfortunately, have dealt with unlawful, ignorant, disrespectful and violent civilians for years. The behavior of these people (i.e. swearing at officers, throwing things at them, etc.) is nothing new to police officers. The reason many officers are leaving in droves throughout the nation, including in Salt Lake City, is because they no longer have the support of their administration and government leaders. I'm not talking about blind support, corruption, or conspiracies to cover up the unjustified actions of the officers that should not be on the force. Officers, like any other employees, need to know their employers (the mayor, city council, chief of police and upper administration) support them and are working with them in a partnership to serve the people and prevent lawlessness. If there are laws that the public and/or government leaders feel need to be changed and no longer enforced, then let's change them. However, penalizing an officer for enforcing the law that he has been told to enforce, while keeping the public and himself or herself safe, is wrong. Making public, judgmental statements about an officer-involved-incident before an investigation is completed and due process is carried out (whether the officer is found to be justified or unjustified in their actions), is NOT the place of the mayor or the city council members</p>

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	Mikah Lindquist	<p>*Continued 3/3* reform is good and needed in every industry You can support and increase the morale of officers while also facing and changing the societal issues, including rac'l'm, that plague our society. Let?s all work together to teach love and acceptance of one another so that we can work on removing rac'l'm and inequality from our society. Let?s look at what can be done to improve policing through policereform. Thoughtful, and sometimes gradual, changes in the police department would lead to great improvement for the department and the public. By increased and improved training; by inviting more transparency; by reallocating calls to social workers, mental health professionals, and civilian employees (to take calls that really don't require an officer), etc., the police department can successfully do what they are employed to do ? enforce the laws of the land. 4. The current hiring freeze is negatively impacting the department and the public I would also like to address the current hiring freeze. Due to the hiring freeze and the many officers that have recently left, our patrol officers are stretched thin throughout the city. Last week there were multiple instances where Priority 1 and 2 calls were going unanswered because there were not enough officers available.reform is necessary to progressively improve the department, but not hiring qualified officers to meet the needs of the public is irresponsible and dangerous. Please allow hiring of qualified officers to resume. Unfortunately, I am concerned that it will be even more difficult than ever to hire good, qualified officers in this hate-filled climate. Please reevaluate your approach to the current division and anger in our society. Change needs to happen but it needs to be accomplished through gradual, thoughtful and effective education and through your unifying examples, not divisive slogans and judgments.</p>

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7/14/2020 12:45	michael beesley	As one who wore the badge (1980 to 2004) I believe I'm qualified to ask the mayor and city council members these questions: 1) Are you truly interested in the well-being of the citizens and employees of Salt Lake City whom you serve and who trusted you to champion their cause when they voted for you or accepted employment under your leadership? If your answer is yes, 2) How in heavens name can to say with a clear conscience that what you did to the police department was a decision made with their well-being in mind? The police comml'ment to the people they serve has always been, ?To Serve AND Protect,? can you say the same? Thank you, Mike Beesley
7/14/2020 13:27	Rhyannon Rodriguez	Dear Council Members, My name is Rhyannon Rodriguez and I am a SLC resident in District 3. I am excited to see the council continue to discuss the role of police in our community. I believe that for the safety of Black, Indigenous, and communities of Color we need to start to disempower and disband SLCPD and replace it with a combination of already existing community services, non-government organizations and new methods of community-focused care work and transformative justice. We cannot replace the police with organizations that funnel people into the criminal justice system. The people that respond to emergency calls should not be able to arrest the people that they are serving. I believe that defunding the police and shifting that money to address inequality in the SLC budget, grant awarding, zoning, housing, and access to public programs is one way to start empowering communities that are subjugated by systemic rac'l'm. This is important to me because I refuse to be passive in a time of civil unrest. The people want change. Your city wants change. The time for bold change is now, your city will support you. We have an opportunity to reimagine everything we know about justice and what it really means to be in a community.reform is not enough; let's get to the root of community inequity and build a city that will not rely on the police. Think about how we can really invest in care work instead of wasting resources punishing people. Sincere gratitude, Rhyannon Rodriguez

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7/13/2020 21:34	Jean Gardner	<p>July 13, 2020 Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, As a resident and educator living and working in Salt Lake City District #3, I extend appreciation to the city council for communicating with the public about issues regarding policing, racial, and social justice. I have listened in on several city council work sessions/meetings, as well as the recent AMA event. In the past months of almost daily protests, a few times I have seen our police entering protest situations using physical and verbal actions that provoke and escalate agitation, fear, violence rather than coming into the space with the mindset and intention to de-escalate the situation. In order to build equitable and humane public safety systems, de-escalation should be the go-to tactic, rather than police automatically using intimidation tactics as their first course of action. An example of an escalation technique seen during a recent protest is having large numbers of police in riot-gear (helmets, vests, weapons, batons, foam bullets, and body shields) pouring out of vans and marching towards protestors, while police helicopters circle overhead. When I see these images, I see a military presence with the intention to provoke emotional and violent responses. When I see these images, I do not see community public safety officers holding the intention of keeping the peace or protecting citizens of the community. In highly emotionally charged situations, I want to see peace officers who try a variety of de-escalation techniques first. I do not feel safe seeing officers who have the look, feel, and mindset of the military presented as the first course of action. Is this really what we want policing to look like in Salt Lake City? As a woman who has been an educator for 40+ years, I find these images of intimidation and bullying by our police department highly disturbing. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Jean Gardner	<p>*Continued 2/2* Yes, I understand some property was damaged at a recent protest (due to protestors not feeling heard), but the threatening and over-the-top response by the police was also wrong. Even kids on the playground know that this is not how you resolve issues! Of course, we're dealing with some very complex issues, but clearly this current approach to policing is not working and is not serving everyone within the community. I realize, historically, this has been the standard mode of operation of police forces across our country. But just because this is how it has always been done does not mean this is how it must continue to be done. Certainly, it is long past time to discard the outdated and antiquated mindset and methodologies of military-based policing (including racial profiling) and work together to envision and create more equitable and humane peace-based public safety and justice systems that truly serve all our diverse community members. Thank you for your time in reading my letter and actively addressing the concerns of myself and others within our community. Jean LaSarre Gardner</p>

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7/14/2020 13:30	willl'm woods	<p>I am absolutely opposed to any reduction in police funding. Any reduction is a mere political gambit for the mayor and council. You have already ceded control of public roadways and the safety of citizens to an undisciplined mob. Sent from my iPhone</p>

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7/14/2020 12:46	Mike Fuchs	<p>Dear City Council Members, My name is Michael Fuchs and I am a resident of Salt Lake City District 5. I would like to talk about the proposed ban of SLCPD accepting military equ'ment. I am glad to see the council discuss demilitarizing the police. While I agree with the current resolution I do not think it goes far enough. Equ'ment like riot uniforms, police shields, foam bullets, bean bag rounds, armored personnel carriers and helicopters are tools used by militaries around the world to oppress dissent. The possession of this equ'ment and their use by SLCPD against civilian protestors is an act of state suppression. I believe that this ban should specifically define and ban these tools outright. This is important to me because the government should never violently respond to dissent. Intimidating protestors and bringing in outside police forces that do not have to follow SLCPD rules of engagement (Ogden PD and Unified officers were present) is morally reprehensible and a direct attempt by SLCPD to circumvent their own rules and policies. Protest of all forms should be free, open, and met with peace by police if we want to live in a healthy democracy. I would like to see pressure put on the SLCPD to change how they engage with protests and protestors. Vandall'm, destruction of property, disrupting traffic are not violent acts and the response to them should not be physical violence. Breaking a window is not the same as breaking someone's nose with a baton. Painting a street is not the same as shooting someone with a foam bullet. The response to property crime should not be physical violence. *Continued 1/2*</p>
	Mike Fuchs	<p>*Continued 2/2* This response by SLCPD should be condemned and their rules for engaging with protestors changed. This is important to me because property crime is not violence and the few people that committed these acts should not justify brutalizing other peaceful protestors. The police demonstrated this by not arresting the people they allege committed the acts at the protest. But picking them up at their homes. Also the targeting of protest organizers that did nothing but protest with charges of criminal mischief and rioting when they have no connection with alleged property crimes is state oppression. This is unacceptable.</p>

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	Megan Child	<p>To the Council Members and the Mayor, 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. Thank you for your time, Megan Thiriot Sent from my iPhone</p>

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7/14/2020 12:44	Matt Haydon	<p>City Council Members, We had a Community Council meeting in the Ball Park community last night. The main topics were security and the homeless issues. It has come to the attention to many in our community that the current movement sweeping many of the large cities across the country of defunding the police simply will not suffice in our community or in Salt Lake in general. The Ball Park community has had a spike in crime, homelessness, drug trafficking and other assorted crimes. When we call the police unless we dial 911 it will take between 4 to 6 hours for an officer to respond. When the officer does eventually respond we are told that their hands are tied concerning what they can do to alleviate the issue. This area has seen a ten fold increase of homeless traffic and other issues. Calls for more of a police presence have gone unanswered. Last night there was yet another protest. This was not a peaceful protest, property was destroyed and police officers were injured. Why did I read that the Chief of Police was willing to accept forms of vandall'm? The Constitution allows for PEACEFUL protest not destructive protests? The leader, _____ threatened violence and the wrath of her community. Why did the Mayor, the Police Chief, and the City Council allow this to happen? This is a failure of leadership on an epic scale. A meeting between the DA, Mayor, Police Chief, and City government should have taken place to prevent this from happening again. This is a failure. We do not need a cut to the police budget. We need to increase the budget to have more officers patrolling the hot spots in the city. *Continued 1/2*</p>
7/14/2020 12:44	Matt Haydon	<p>*Continued 2/2* These include Ball Park and the North Temple corridor. People are angry that they can not leave their homes without being harassed in one way or another. They are fed up with being told that they have to abide with all the social guidelines to avoid the spread of COVID and yet the homeless are gathering in large groups, sharing drinks and other things. Not wearing masks or distancing. We are tired of the excuses that the city is giving us that they can not do things. We want a clean city that is safe and has enough police to respond to our needs. You need to increase the funding of police not decrease it.</p>

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	Maryanne Murray	We have an increase in crime in Salt Lake City. Increase the Police budget by 20%. Bill a Murray Sent from my iPad
7/14/2020 12:42	Mara Lemesany	Hi City Council, I'm Mara Lemesany and I'm a resident of Salt Lake City District 3. I've seen that you'll be considering demilitarizing the city police force, and I'm hoping you'll be more specific about the contents of this ban. I've been deeply disturbed to see police brutality against protestors; it communicates that salt Lake City values property over life and would rather induce fear than allow citizens their right to protest. I am hoping you'll specifically define foam bullets, armored personnel carriers, bean bag rounds, and helicopters as military equipment, and will then ban and remove these tools. Also, I would encourage city council members to dialogue with the police about treatment of protestors. Causing someone bodily harm in exchange for blocking a street or breaking a window is a completely inappropriate response, and this should be clearly communicated to police. Thank you for your time.