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10/2/2020 9:24	Jennifer Miller-Smith	(EXTERNAL) The Car In Front of My Home Hi Brian, The current annoying bane of my existence, the multi-month car in front? It's one of my neighbors. He says it doesn't work, he's saving money for the fix, and he thinks it's perfectly natural to leave a car parked on a city street for as long as he wants. He has the right to an off-street parking spot, I'm not sure what's parked in there. So now we know. Jenn Jennifer Miller-Smith
#####	Anonymous Anonymous	You council members should be ashamed....we cant protect ourselves from these thugs you are protecting...but you take money from our police to protect us.....you all need to be FIRED!!!!!!
#####	Cameron Stark	I understand the council is taking the flag to a vote, and wanted to express my disdain for the flag with the "sego lily" that looks more like a puckered anus. I hope you will approve the second place flag that has more aesthetic, would be easier for anyone to replicate (I remember trying to draw the state flag as a child, and it was a nightmare), it illustrates the mountains of Utah and represents Salt Lake as the Capitol city with the star. Thank you for your consideration. Cameron Stark
10/6/2020 9:15	Jacom Stephens	Maybe you should make sure you understand what the community expects law enforcement to do. Just because a few very loud voices are screaming about defunding the police at the moment doesn't mean that they speak for the everyone. The vast majority of people expect law enforcement to enforce the law... like they have done for decades. Most of us really don't think there is a problem with policing that needs solving. The problem is increasing lawlessness and lack of responsibility for one's actions. If violent criminals wouldn't assault and shoot at police officers, they wouldn't need to defend themselves. If criminals wouldn't resist arrest, they wouldn't need to be subdued with force. The problem is not law enforcement, it is the criminal element. I suggest you focus your efforts on enabling law enforcement to do the job that we the public expect them to do, not hog-tying them and preventing them from being effective and capable of enforcing the law.

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10/6/2020 9:17	Alicia Savage	<p>First and foremost, thank you for sending out these updates. I have felt very aligned with what is happening and easily know what resources are available should I want to dig in further. This is really great and I hope you continue to be so transparent and proactive. Second, I know there are community members out there who are upset and voicing their opinions currently that the Mayor and City Council do not match up with what the people want. I want to share that they do not speak for everyone. Seeing these changes and your strategy for how to approach next year's budget is absolutely what other members of the community want and have asked for via city council meetings, open forums, emails, and multiple protests. Thank you for listening and thank you again for helping to ensure the communication lines are open between our local government and the people. Keep doing it! You are making Salt Lake City a great place to live by being a place where elected officials listen to the people.</p>
10/6/2020 9:20	Amy Workman	<p>If I was a police officer in your city I would quit. You and Mayor Erin and Mayor Jenny have done everything in your power to make our fine police department feel like they are disposable! Mayor Erin and Mayor Jenny have supported rioters, and the destruction of our city. The damage that was caused should come out of Mayor Erin's personal finances. I can not wait til she is up for re-election. And Mayor Jenny's time is up come November 3rd. We as law abiding citizen's support our police officer's. You should be adding more money to the police department. Not defunding it, and cutting it. . We as citizens will remember who was in charge when rioters were allowed to cause mayhem. Mayor Erin and most of you in city council will not be elected again. I for one am disappointed in the leadership of SLC, and the state of Utah!</p>

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10/6/2020 9:26	Jake Trimble	If I was a police officer in your city I would quit. You and Mayor Erin and Mayor Jenny have done everything in your power to make our fine police department feel like they are disposable! Mayor Erin and Mayor Jenny have supported rioters, and the destruction of our city. The damage that was caused should come out of Mayor Erin's personal finances. I can not wait til she is up for re-election. And Mayor Jenny's time is up come November 3rd. We as law abiding citizen's support our police officer's. You should be adding more money to the police department. Not defunding it, and cutting it. . We as citizens will remember who was in charge when rioters were allowed to cause mayhem. Mayor Erin and most of you in city coucil will not be elected again. I for one am disappointed in the leadership of SLC, and the state of Utah!
10/6/2020 9:29	Anonymous Anonymous	I am against this 110%. Once again the SLC Council is pandering to a minority of people who have shown nothing but hatred against police officers and are throwing cops and their families under the bus. When they are listening to someone like Lex Scott, a hateful racist bigoted woman who has called for violence against cops and their families, its just proof how worthless and incompetent they have become. This sends the message that they do not support our men and women in blue, and I call on all cops to walkout and leave for their own safety due to the fact that the SLC Leadership clearly doesn't give a damn about their lives and continues to pander to a hostile hate group. #BackTheBlue

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10/6/2020 9:45	Jake Trimble	<p>Hello, I appreciate the option to voice public comments as budgets are moral documents, and the police department that I will interact with in public spaces will be shaped by the results of your work here. Before I get to my comments regarding specific audit scope items, I would like to address a conflict of interest I see in the stated intention of zero-based budgeting exercise. Any audit whose scope is based on previously existing programs and historical spending will be forever entrenched within the barriers of the existing programs and budget. We will dismantle and rebuild the same problematic structure. To align with the community expectations it is vital to center the budget around community demands/needs, not the existing structures and budget format that is failing to serve the community. Being a moral document, in auditing the budget the scope must have guiding principles that are currently absent, and they must be determined by the community's needs. Maintaining these principles absent from the scope of the audit is an effort in futility and will recreate the existing constructs that make up our police department.</p> <p>Unfortunately this is the foundation for the following years' budget, thus leading to two more years of no real change. I would also like to urge the use of a public agency rather than a private agency to conduct the audit. Although impartiality is important, I am weary of public-private innovation schemes that will create profit for temporary fixes to systemic problems. If you do go for a private agency, please choose a black, brown, or immigrant owned company. Item #1a. I am concerned with the language describing a potential line item that may be used to obscure the violent reality of what it may mean. For instance, "response fleet" could be used to describe vehicles that come from a war setting and have no place in our streets or our government garages. We must not allow the departments themselves to dictate the fiscal categories/line items, as they will use the format to their advantage to fund elements of policing that are undesired by the public. Item #1b: I am concerned by the subjectivity of the word "reasonable." *Continued 1/4*</p>

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	Jake Trimble	<p>What seems reasonable to a police official or administrator may differ from what I or others in the public consider reasonable, especially when policing is so clearly a divisive issue considering near continuous local and national protests for months around what is considered "reasonable" in policing. I urge the council to come up with a more explicit framework to judge line items with an intentional lens. Item #3: I would have hoped for a stronger and more explicit inquiry into how racism is able to permeate the culture of our police department. Item #5: Evidence from Washington, DC shows that body cameras have no effect on use of force or accountability for officer's actions (NPR reports <https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/10/20/558832090/body-cam-study-shows-no-effect-on-police-use-of-force-or-citizen-complaints>). We also know officers who have committed crimes on camera do not face charges for other reasons. I personally have observed that police in SLC have used body camera footage to retroactively charge protesters for crimes using facial recognition-- often exceedingly harsh charges for minor crimes, or bogus charges all together. I am curious what the metric of success is for the counties mentioned. I would encourage a freeze on all body camera spending, and would rather see that money invested in parks, the library, or education. Item #6: Rather than determine the core function of the department, why don't we ask the community what it wants from police? Many of the issues police engage with are issues that can be addressed through non-criminal-justice-system means. Instead of outsourcing the work, *Continued 2/4*</p>

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	Jake Trimble	<p>we can make it obsolete by addressing foundational cause issues such as lack of housing and healthcare, and lack of transitional resources including housing when folks are released from prison or jail. Police function as part of a greater criminal justice system and it is important to question the role they play within our community. For example, how does the departments' core function relate or differ from the perceived function of the public And the desired function of the public All too often we have decided to deem public health issues criminal justice issues. Unfortunately as I go through the scope of the audit, I am disappointed that the types of reforms that my community actually desires will be absent from the conversation. Listed are the reforms that I support and encourage we adopt, which will result in excess funds that can be invested anywhere but the police. * Reject any expansion to police budgets. Highest budget cuts per year. * Prohibit private-public innovation schemes that profit from temporary technological fixes to systemic problems of police abuse and violence. These contracts and data-sharing arrangements, however profitable for technologists and reformists, are lethal. *Continued 3/4*</p>
	Jake Trimble	<p>*Continued 4/4* Reduce the power of police unions. * Until the police are fully defunded, make police union contract negotiations public. * Prohibit city candidates taking money from police unions and stop accepting union funds. * Withhold pensions and don't rehire cops involved in use of excessive force. Prohibit the hiring in other counties, kind of like a sex offender list. * Slash police salaries across the board. * Immediately fire police officers who have any excessive force complaints. * No hiring of new officers or replacement of fired or resigned officers. * Fully cut funding for public relations. * Suspend the use of paid administrative leave for cops under investigation. * No investment in police training. * No investment in police facility renovations. * Deplatform white supremacist public officials. * Repeal the Law Enforcement Bill of Rights. * End all police contracts with social services, care services and government agencies providing care. * Abolish asset forfeiture programs and laws. Thank you for your time, I would be happy to answer any questions or provide more resources regarding any of the aforementioned topics. Jake Trimble SLC</p>

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10/6/2020 9:46	Joe Harris	Leave the Police Department alone. Do not let a bunch of thugs demonstrating make your decisions for you. If anything, give them more money so they can do their job properly. They are not guilty of anything except good police work. Do not tie their hands behind their back.
10/6/2020 9:47	Will Macfarlane	Give me a break, just let the cops do their jobs and stop trying to protect the protestors and the homeless. You folks are embarrassing.
#####	Joe Harris	I think getting rid of the police on the West Side would be a HUGE mistake! We would see an even bigger spike in crime than we have now. We've had businesses leave because of the crime that has happened. Please don't make the mistake other places have made.
#####	william woods	Before you start dismantling the police department, how about putting out some actual metrics to prove your assertion of actual systemic racism?? Fact: black people are vastly over represented in terms of DOJ statistics for both violent offenders and victims of violent crimes. Comprising 13 percent of the population, African Americans constitute around 50% of both suspects and victims of such crimes. The better indicator of racism would be financial outcomes. Black households have much less wealth on average than white households; whether that is true in Utah is not known to me. No politician would tolerate mobs destroying banks or threatening the lives of bankers, yet you all have tolerated the radical elements of the racial justice movement to perpetrate personal and property violence against law enforcement. You have even expressed your public outrage when police lawfully shot and killed an armed robbery suspect. In sum, you do not represent me or my views and the only solution is to vote you all out of office.
#####	Amanda Oviatt	I think getting rid of the police on the West Side would be a HUGE mistake! We would see an even bigger spike in crime than we have now. We've had businesses leave because of the crime that has happened. Please don't make the mistake other places have made.