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10/20/2020 11:15	Dianne Mcadams-jones	<p>Subject: DeFund the Police I am a resident of Utah County 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, Dr. Dianne McAdams-Jones</p>

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10/20/2020 11:13	June Taylor	<p>> Subject: Homeless encampments Hi Dan, A friend posted this on my FB feed, in response to my post of the Mayor's Community Commitment Program: "John Wilkes <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100056395397010&comment_id=Y29tbWVudDoxMDE1ODc0OTIxNzAxNjY2NV8xMDE1ODc0OTMyMTgyMTY2NQ%3D%3D&__cft__%5b0%5d=AZXU-bjJJUBi_vf_70gSy4Ijfgca0gIra8CpAiyXg6uNGDfOK51psTYIK0X0dnScOZsEyVpZ4U3UV70Q17iGkxfvm7rGWkJbFd6g1uPiwYwO60ITiNgKnk5wPLZRqg1LjPw&__tn__=R%5d-R> I've said this straight to Mayor Erin, and will repeat it here: Your major problem is NOT homeless people & their encampments. There are gangsters and other criminals operating in Liberty Park, visiting violence & intimidation upon its users. They have on several occasions beaten people so badly, they had to be taken out on gurneys. Anyone who opposes them in anybdadhion gets hurt. I was beaten by them; a werk or so ago several of my friends were attacked & beaten. They have 2 vicious, unrestrained dogs they set on other dogs & people. I've called animal control several times, yet these dogs are still at the park daily. Mayor, your and your police force's attacks upon homeless people, their encampments, AND those people who tried to help them, are egregiously cruel and the result of stigmatized, outdated beliefs about the causes & solutions to homelessness. Homeless encampments are not the problem. The problem is the criminal element rampant in t2ge Liberty Wells/Liberty Park areas. Perhaps Chief Brown and his force could attack that, rather than oppressing & ostracizing homeless people. I?d like some updated information about what the SLCPD knows about these dogs & gangsters? I know Liberty Park has always had a problem with drug deals, so I expect the creeps that preyed on the homeless around the Rio Grande have just moved to Liberty area. June Taylor P.S. Haven't heard from you about possible grant to add Mental Health person to SLCPD?</p>

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10/20/2020 11:21	George Chapman	<p>During discussions at City Council this month, the loss of SLCPD officers were discussed and I asked for more information. I reminded the City, that, during my presentation to the Legislature last month, SLC 911 dispatch said that much of the poor response time was due to lack of police officers (the 911 Director is a great public servant who has significantly decreased 911 problems identified in the audit). The City has been forthcoming with more information and it shows that we are down 38 sworn officers as of Oct. 16 and 24 civilian FTEs. I have attached the loss spreadsheet. Note that this City has usually lost 2-3 officers a month to retirement. This was reported in last year's IACP Report. It is due to Utah's public safety retirement system with a significant unfunded actuarial liability. Note that the City just increased retirement contributions. These are the relevant City emails: "Communities can contact their city counselors to voice their support for PDs. This is their avenue for having their voices heard. Attend community and city council meetings. Call, e-mail, write representatives . Some positions are frozen, but we have been given the green light to proceed with hiring up to a certain point. More clarification to come We had been hiring lateral officers and putting them through a shorter academy, but we only have new hire academies scheduled moving forward New Academy class will have 12 new hires and 2 SLC firefighters. We are in the process of interviewing new hires over the next couple weeks. We currently have 100+ invited to interview (6 of whom are prior or current Explorers). Funded Vacant Positions as of 10/16/2020 Vacant Funded Civilian 24 Vacant Funded Sworn 38 30 hired in academy - January 13, 2020 20 of those hired in January 13, 2020 still employed" I know some have been asking about these numbers and it may come up during the community council meetings. George Chapman</p>

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10/15/2020 10:29	Lynn Averett	<p>Council Members, I have asked the mayor the same questions and I realize you're dealing with much. However, why do you continually remain completely silent on Salt Lake City's increasing crime problem Two Secret Service agents assaulted during the Vice Presidential debate...again, not a word denouncing violence. Thugs shoot up a home narrowing missing a young girl in her bed and your silence is deafening. The list could go on and on. However, all I hear being addressed is the law enforcement vendetta and masks (COVID-19 continues to spike even with the long term mask mandate and extensive restrictions). As we're all aware, due to high levels of criminal activity (violent and non-violent), it's not safe to walk our city in the evening or at night (daytime is an issue as well). The city is widely considered to be one of the most dangerous cities in America. Law enforcement does their best but without any lack of support, things are not going well. Protecting citizens and their property is paramount! Please put aside your government over reach agenda and work for the law abiding majority and not the few. Our residents deserve better. Sincerely, Lynn Averett</p>

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10/20/2020 11:25	John Clapp	<p>To whom concerned; I am a neighbor that is fighting hard to save our neighborhood. I want you all to hear that despite the west side being neglected often, what does shine is our local police who have been attending neighborhood watch meetings with us, fighting crime , stopping and assuring us of their presence. We deal with violent criminals, drug dealers, crazed drug addicts, prostitutes and their customers, gang activity. I live 1 block from a notorious blighted hotel and much criminal activity, called the Gate way Inn. If not for the police I would have move away and not fought for our neighborhood. I would have sold and moved away. My neighbors are colorful, old, young , gay ,straight ,black, white ,brown, and we love being here. We often on the west side have felt neglected, by the city. We have always felt safer because of our police force. I have had the privilege of getting to know some of our local police and they are some of the best. They have even assisted us in support when we do large neighborhood garbage pick ups. They attend our little neighborhood watch meetings. They stop and talk to hear our complaints. They are under appreciated by some, and underpaid. We need more police, even a regular presence to a hot spot area of North temple. Doing so will allow investors to invest in this one of the more blighted areas of the city. We hope you all have the vision for our great city as we do, and this includes supporting our police. Thankyou John Clapp Euclid Neighborhood.</p>